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In re application of: Dutta et al.

§ Group Art Unit: 3623

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§ Examiner: Tarae, Catherine Michelle

Filed: September 26, 2001

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**For: Apparatus and Method for
Providing Collaborative Voting While
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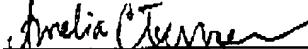
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In response to the Office Action of December 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.